

REMARKS

New claim 14 parallels original claim 1, but specifies a microorganism of claim 13 as the “microorganism which itself contains 2-deoxyribose-5-phosphate aldolase ... or the enzyme derived from the microorganism”. Similarly, new claim 15 parallels original claim 2, specifies a microorganism of claim 13 as the “microorganism which itself contains 2-deoxyribose-5-phosphate aldolase and triose-phosphate isomerase ... or the enzymes derived from the microorganism”. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.


Applicants request that the Examiner at least join new claims 14 and 15 together with elected claim 13 when examining this application.

With respect to the restriction requirement of record, the Examiner will note that claim 14 bridges invention Groups I and III, while claim 15 bridges invention Groups II and III. Applicants respectfully reiterate their request that the Examiner withdraw the requirement for restriction, and that all of claims 1-15 herein be examined on their merits.

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